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## CLOSE WATCH FOR JEWISH REFUGEES

Inspectors on Lookout for Russian Jews.

### SERVICE NEARLY PERFECT

Numbers of Persecuted Hebrews on Their Way to South Africa May Re-embark to United States.

Immigration inspectors at various ports will maintain a close watch for Jewish refugees from Russia, though there is not the anxiety felt here as in several other countries over the ability of the government service to cope with the large numbers that are likely to make application for admission. The immigration service in the United States is nearer perfection than in any other country. In March and April all records were broken. The greater portion of the increase arrived at New York, yet the officers at that point were fully able to handle the arrivals, and no examinations were slighted. Whenever an unusual number of immigrants are started from any foreign port, the officers in this country are given notice. If the aliens are to be landed at some port where the facilities for making examinations are not the best, inspectors are hurried to that port in order to assist the local officers. In that manner the immigration bureau is able to meet any contingency. Many Russian Jews have taken passage to South Africa, but are unable to enter at Cape Town, because of the rigid immigration laws, which have been put in force under English rule. Jews turned down at that point are sure to knock at the United States' open door, and most of them will be admitted.

## LIGHT PENALTY FOR MRS. G. S. BEDFORD

Former Washington Woman, Who Made Unsuccessful Play For a Fortune, Pleads Guilty to Perjury in London.

LONDON, May 25.—Mrs. Gunning S. Bedford today pleaded guilty to the charge of claiming that her foster child was the child of the late Gunning Bedford. She was fined £10. Mrs. Bedford appeared in court in the deepest mourning. The prosecution outlined its case, saying it had been discovered that Mrs. Bedford had adopted a female child from a woman at the Isle of Wight. There was not a shadow of doubt, it was maintained, of the prisoner's guilt, but at the request of her relatives the magistrate was asked to deal leniently with her. Her husband's wishes. Marshall Hall, counsel for the prisoner, said he desired to change his client's plea to that of guilty. He said Mrs. Bedford, before he died, was anxious to adopt a child which, under the French law, could be made legitimate. Mrs. Bedford carried out her husband's wishes and for the purpose of making the child her own had made a mistake at the registry office which had brought her within the pale of criminal law. He said his client was anxious to retain the child. The magistrate thereupon imposed a fine of £10, which was paid. The maximum penalty for the offense to which Mrs. Bedford pleaded guilty is seven years in prison.

### Caused Great Sensation.

The arrest of Mrs. Bedford at Liverpool, on May 16, caused a great sensation. She had just arrived from New York aboard the Cunard liner Umbria, having accompanied the body of her late husband to America. The charge against her was "that she did unlawfully cause E. C. Cowie, registrar of births and deaths, to make on the 18th of December, at 16 Upper Woburn Place, London, a false entry of the birth of a female child." The deception to which Mrs. Bedford pleaded guilty today arose from the leasing of \$200,000 by Bedford to a child which was "already born, or should be born shortly after his death," Bedford died in Paris of consumption. No child was born, and the widow, not wishing to lose the money, adopted a child and put it forth as her own. She

### WEATHER REPORT.

Showers are indicated for tonight and tomorrow in the upper Ohio Valley; elsewhere in the Washington forecast district generally fair weather is probable. It will be warmer tomorrow in the Ohio Valley and the Middle Atlantic States.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m.	57
12 a. m.	61
1 p. m.	62

THE SUN.

Sun sets today..... 7:24 p. m.  
Sun rises tomorrow..... 4:30 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today..... 12:56 p. m.  
High tide tomorrow..... 1:02 a. m., 1:40 p. m.  
Low tide tomorrow..... 7:10 a. m., 7:34 p. m.

## PROBING AFFAIRS OF THE EMERGENCY

Investigation of Hospital Nearly Finished.

### REPORT TO BE MADE SOON

Board of Charities Next to Look Into Administration of Washington Asylum.

George S. Wilson, secretary to the Board of Charities, said today that two more meetings of the board, to be held this week, would finish the investigation into the management of the Emergency Hospital. This investigation has been going on for several weeks, the Board of Charities holding two meetings each week to hear witnesses. The whole matter has now been gone into, and only the two meetings will be held to pursue some further inquiry, and then to formulate the report to the District Commissioners. Mr. Wilson said it would probably require a week or two to go over the testimony and make up the report. Immediately after this investigation is finished, the Board of Charities will take up the postponed investigation into the administration of the Washington Asylum. This investigation was interrupted last February when one of the members of the board was appointed on the Coal Strike Commission. The greater part of the month of June probably will be devoted to the closing of the investigation, as it is the desire of the board to complete it before the end of the fiscal year, and before the members of the board go on their summer vacations. The investigation at the Washington Asylum has to do with the administration of the several departments, most especially with the conduct of the almshouses and the male workhouse.

### Married in Washington.

Mrs. Helen Middleton Bedford was married in Washington on January 16, 1901. The day before her marriage, Gunning Bedford went to the City Hall and procured a license for himself and Miss Middleton. He gave their ages as thirty years each, and their place of residence as Paris, France. On January 16 Miss Middleton and Mr. Bedford were married by Justice of the Peace Charles S. Bundy, in his office at the corner of Louisiana Avenue and Four-and-a-half Street. It is said that Miss Middleton, before her marriage, lived in Washington.

### BIG FIRE THREATENS PHILADELPHIA TENEMENTS

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—There is great excitement in the "Ghetto and Little Italy" over the burning of the big plant of the Provident Ice Manufacturing Company, on Catherine Street, between Seventh and Eighth. At noon four alarms had been turned in, and the firemen expected to keep the flames from spreading. The neighborhood is honeycombed with tenements.

## WILL FIGHT AGAIN FOR THE STATEHOOD BILL

Delegate Rodey, of New Mexico, Confident of Winning This Fall.

Just why New Mexico is not admitted to the Union as a State seems to be a mystery that Delegate B. S. Rodey cannot solve. He returned from New York last night, where he had gone upon a business trip, and incidentally to see if he could not get the support of some of the Empire State Senators and Representatives for another Statehood bill, which he intends to lay before Congress at the coming session. "It looks as though we will be successful," he said this morning, "at the coming session. I have talked on this visit East with a number of Senators and Representatives, who were our bitter opponents at the last session, and I find that they have undergone a change of heart. They are beginning to realize the justice of the claim of New Mexico. Why, we have a population of more than 400,000, and since the last census we have added more than a thousand miles of railroad to the systems in the Territory. More than 1,250,000 acres of public land have been settled."

### DIPLOMATIST GOES TO CARLSBAD

M. Pierre Rogestevsky, second secretary of the Russian embassy, who sailed for Europe last week, has gone directly to Carlsbad, where Madame Rogestevsky has been staying for some weeks past with the parents of the diplomatist.

## RENEW MEMORIES OF ROCHAMBEAU

Anniversary of Statue Unveiling Commemorated.

### MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT

Banquets in Paris and Washington. Cablegrams of Congratulation Exchanged.

The international amity existing between France and the United States has again been signally emphasized on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Rochambeau statue dedication of May 24, 1902. To commemorate that event banquets were held both in Paris and Washington last night, toasts were drunk to the spirit of fraternity and republican institutions and congratulatory messages were exchanged across the ocean. The most notable feature of the occasion's celebration was the sending of a message from Paris to President Roosevelt. The French banquet was held at the Army Club, in the Avenue de l'Opera, and according to information received at the French embassy today was a grand patriotic success. General Brugere, who presided, moved the sending of a message of congratulation and good will to President Roosevelt. This message was dispatched through M. Delcasse, the minister of foreign affairs, to Secretary Hay. The latter telegraphed the greetings to the President in Washington State. The message conveyed thanks to the President and American people for the evidence of friendship and esteem for the French nation in the erection of the Rochambeau statue. The Washington banquet was held at the home of Assistant Secretary of State H. H. D. Price, who was one of the American commissioners to welcome the visiting Frenchmen a year ago. Mr. Price sent a cable message of congratulation to General Brugere in behalf of the American commissioners. From the French embassy the following dispatch was sent: "General Brugere, Paris: 'We regret deeply to be unable to celebrate with you and with the members of the mission over which you presided, the anniversary of the dedication of the Rochambeau monument. 'From all our hearts we join with you in the reunion by which you celebrate anew the glorious memory of the illustrious marshal and of all the French combatants who fought with Washington's soldiers in order to insure the triumph of the American independence. 'Pierre de Margerie, Jeanne de Margerie, Major Paul Vignal, Elizabeth Vignal, Jules Boeuvre.'

### Business Men Plan DAY OF MERRYMAKING

The program for the excursion of the Business Men's Association, which is to be held on June 4, has been made public by Barry Bulkley, who has charge of the arrangements. The excursionists will leave the Seventh Street wharf on the steamer Charles Macalister at 2 o'clock sharp, returning late in the evening, at an hour not yet decided upon. There will be but one boat going down and one returning. Dinner will be served on the grounds at Marshall Hall at 4 o'clock, and every effort is being made to have the affair thoroughly informal, and consequently, more enjoyable. Formal speeches will be prohibited, and all sentiments and opinions must be expressed in brief after-dinner talks, with a limit of three minutes. Mr. Bulkley announces that a gong will be in readiness which will be used to announce the end of each "round."

## "DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DAY" AT ST. LOUIS FAIR

Commissioners Invited to Set a Date for Special Ceremonies.

The District Commissioners today received a letter from E. C. Culp, secretary of the committee on ceremonies of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, inviting them to name a date to be known as "District of Columbia Day" on the official program. The letter stated that the management was preparing a building specially for meetings of conventions, congresses and other societies, and that this edifice would be available for the exercises of District Day. The District Commissioners will have the choice of nearly all dates in May, June, August and October. Mr. Culp announced that the month of September was already taken up.

### RECEPTION TONIGHT TO MAJOR SYLVESTER

Arrangements have been completed for the mammoth reception to be given Major Richard Sylvester, Chief of the Metropolitan Police, by the citizens of the District at the Hotel Barton this evening. More than 500 responses have already been received by Chairman Bulkley, and the reception bids well to be the largest that ever greeted any official of the District of Columbia. Commissioner Macfarland will be detained in Philadelphia and will not be present.

## BETTER PROSPECTS FOR PANAMA TREATY

New Colombian Premier Said to Favor Canal.

### MAY URGE RATIFICATION

Senor Pinto Expected to Actively Interest Himself in Furthering Project.

The appointment of Senor Pinto to succeed Senor Fernandez as premier of the Colombian cabinet is regarded as an action which will improve the chances for the ratification of the Panama canal treaty. Senor Pinto is said to be a friend of the canal, and it is believed he will be able to exert much influence with the Colombian congress, which meets on June 29 in special session to consider the matter. Senor Fernandez, the retiring premier, is said to be not unfriendly to the canal, but is not so active a man as his successor. Senor Pinto has been governor of the state of Cauca, which lies on the Pacific coast, and which would be greatly benefited commercially by the completion of the canal. President Marroquin hopes his congress will ratify the treaty, but has left the matter entirely in the hands of that body, and will not seek to dictate what it shall do. Opposition to the Hay-Herran convention continues strong in Colombia, especially in a number of newspapers and with a certain clique of politicians, many of whom have much influence, but the friends of the canal are nevertheless hopeful, and the selection of Senor Pinto, whose interests are with the canal as the minister of government—as he is officially known—is regarded as favorable to ratification.

## JEWISH FINANCIERS GIVE CZAR WARNING

BERLIN, May 25.—The "Westminster Correspondent," a Jewish journal, asserts that Jewish financial magnates in Paris, London, and Berlin have brought pressure to bear on Russia to prevent further anti-semitic outrages in the Czar's domains. M. Witte, Russian minister of finance, is reported to have warned the Czar that if more outrages occur they will prove disastrous to Russia's finances. As a result, the Czar has ordered all his officials to do their utmost to suppress Jew baiting.

## MR. CLEVELAND'S BOOM HAS BEGUN TO WITHER

Democratic Views as to the Advisability of Nominating Him for President Undergo a Change.

Indications point to the early withering of the Cleveland boom. Except in the East, no enthusiastic supporters have appeared on the horizon, while leaders from all localities have announced that he could not get the nomination, and that he would not be elected if he did. Former Senator James K. Jones, chairman of the national Democratic committee, is the latest to join the ranks of Mr. Cleveland's opponents, and his remarks have an official flavor to them. He asserts today that even the mention of Mr. Cleveland in connection with the candidacy is a mistake, and that his nomination is impossible. "I have talked the situation over with leaders from all parts of the country," said he, "and with the exception of

### those from New York and some of the other Eastern States, all have united in the belief that Mr. Cleveland is out of it. He is not a regular Democrat. He did not support the ticket in 1896 and 1900. In fact, he never was a thorough Democrat."

Mr. Jones remained quiet concerning the chance that Mr. Bryan might again make an effort to get the nomination. Of candidates in general, however, he said: "It is my belief that to succeed the Democrats must nominate a man who is acceptable to both factions of the party, and I am of the opinion that Senator Arthur P. Gorman, Judge Alton B. Parker, or Edward M. Shepard, of New York, would do. "I also believe that a platform can be framed that will be acceptable to every genuine and earnest Democrat. With such a platform I believe the Democrats will succeed." When asked about the report that he intends to resign from the chairmanship of the national committee next year, Mr. Jones said that he had not yet made his plans. He did not believe, however, that Mr. Bryan would accept the chairmanship if it were offered to him. It is said the friends of the Nebraska campaign, containing as it does so many elements of detail, would not prove congenial. Dispatches from Lincoln say that in "The Commoner" this week Mr. Bryan has made another violent attack upon Mr. Cleveland. He says that defeat without Mr. Cleveland would be better for the Democratic party than victory with him at the head of the ticket. Mr. Bryan pictures Mr. Cleveland, despite the fact that the latter is the only man elected to the Presidency on the Democratic ticket since the war, as the Jonah of the party, and he demands that the former President be thrown overboard at once.

## VILLAGE IN NEBRASKA DESTROYED BY TORNADO

LINCOLN, Neb., May 25.—The village of Pauline, Neb., fifteen miles south of Hastings, is reported destroyed by a tornado. Six people are said to have been killed. The wires are down and details are unobtainable.

### ST. PETERSBURG EXHIBITION.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 25.—The exhibition in the summer garden of the palace of Peter the Great, in connection with the bicentenary of the foundation of the city of St. Petersburg, was formally opened yesterday by the Grand Duke Constantine.

## SPAIN BARS FINISH OF TRAGIC AUTO CONTEST

SOLDIERS AT SCENE OF FEUD IN KENTUCKY

### Gatling Gun, Too, Stationed at Jackson.

Grand Jury Meets Today

Indictment of Jett for Marcum Murder Confidently Expected by Commonwealth's Attorney.

JACKSON, Ky., May 25.—One hundred and thirty broad shouldered young sons of old Kentucky, garbed in soldier blue, are under arms in the Breckinridge county court house, which a few weeks ago was the scene of the assassination of Attorney James Marcum.

The soldiers were received by open arms by the citizens of Jackson, who anxiously strove to destroy the false impression that has gotten abroad that every man in Jackson goes to bed with a .45-caliber revolver.

### Gatling Gun in Evidence.

The troops are armed with Springfield and Winchester rifles, which were distributed among the militia at the time of the Goebel trial at Frankfort, Ky. There is also a Gatling gun stationed on practically the same spot where J. B. Marcum was assassinated.

Commonwealth's Attorney Byrd, who will conduct the prosecution of Curtis Jett, in an interview said it is his belief that either a special jury will be summoned from another county or a change of venue will be had.

### Grand Jury Summoned.

If this proves to be a fact, either Magoffin or Lee county will be the scene of a trial which promises to be sensational in every respect. Mr. Byrd said: "The grand jury has been summoned by Sheriff Callahan. The summons affected twenty men and the impaneling of the jury will take place today. If rumor is to be relied upon an indictment will probably be returned against Jett."

## CHANGES NECESSARY IN HIGHWAY BRIDGE PLANS

### General Gillespie Temporarily Withholds Approval.

Returned for Alteration

Department Opposed to Erection of Electric Trolley Poles—Must Substitute Underground System.

General Gillespie, chief of engineers of the army, today returned to Colonel Allen, the officer in charge of the improvements upon the Potomac river, the specifications for the new highway bridge which is to be erected a short distance above the railroad bridge. Some changes have been deemed advisable. The decision to have them made has caused General Gillespie to withhold his approval of the specifications temporarily.

### Trolley Poles Objectionable.

The principal change made will be one affecting the electric trolley line across the bridge. The department is opposed to the erection of poles on the bridge, and will insist that in case a deck bridge is decided upon, the trolley must run beneath the floor. In case a truss-work bridge is built, with a roadway beneath, the specifications will permit the use of an overhead trolley, as the wire can be strung without presenting an unsightly appearance, which would be the case if poles were placed on the bridge. The laws of the District require that the trolleys must be underground as far as the Washington approach to the bridge, but after crossing to the Virginia side an overhead trolley will be used. The only question with the department has been as to whether the wire should be placed above or beneath the tracks across the bridge, and the decision has been reached that they must go below.

This will make necessary a change in the floor plans, and may require that the floor of the structure be made higher than otherwise, and it will probably increase the cost. It was thought at first by Colonel Allen, preparing the present specifications, that it might be well to permit the erection of poles upon the bridge, provided a requirement was made that they should be ornamented and kept in good condition, but General Gillespie did not entertain the same opinion, and the change will be made.

## COTTON TO GO HIGHER, SAYS BULL LEADER

Has Never Before Seen Conditions Like the Present.

NEW ORLEANS, May 25.—Triumphant over his bull campaign in the New York cotton market, W. P. Brown, the New Orleans cotton speculator, reached his local office this morning for the first time since his gigantic struggle in the East with Daniel J. Sully, leader of the bear forces. In an interview today Brown says the price of cotton will go still higher. Asked to give his reasons, he said: "Because the statistical position interferes, the present prices and even higher."

He does not think high prices will stop consumption, for the reason that the majority of the mills have either contracted for their supplies or bought contracts, and in a great many cases sold their goods. "As a rule when cotton is strained," he said, "the middleman or speculator is loser. This is the reason why the mills will continue to operate at higher prices."

## MACHINISTS' FIGHT WITH U. P. ROAD STILL ON

First Vice President P. J. Conlan, of the Machinists' National Union, received several dispatches yesterday afternoon relative to the settlement of the labor troubles existing between his organization and the Union Pacific Railroad system. The senders are said to be officials of the railroad and it is believed they made inquiries as to the terms of settlement of the existing troubles.

### CYCLE KILLS TWO MEN.

BRISTOL, England, May 25.—A serious motorcycle accident occurred here yesterday. The motor swerved into a crowd of spectators, two of whom were killed and many others seriously injured.

## Race to Madrid Prohibited by Premier in View of Casualties Attendant Upon First Stage Yesterday.

### Porter and Stead, Reported Killed, Are Still Alive, But Their Injuries Are Expected to Prove Fatal.

Thick Dust Blinded Chauffeurs and Made the Catastrophes Inevitable—Six Dead and Six Injured.

PARIS, May 25.—Great public indignation has been aroused by the list of fatal accidents that followed the first stage of the Paris-Madrid auto race yesterday. Automobiling has received the worst blow since the hazardous sport became popular, and in many quarters it is prophesied that restrictive laws will be passed.

The race to Madrid is off, as the Spanish premier, following the example of Premier Combes, has forbidden the contestants to go at racing speed on Spanish soil.

### Porter Still Lives.

Reports of yesterday's accident continue to come in, and while several of those reported dead are still alive, they were so badly injured that they will either die or be left partial cripples for life. One early report had it that L. Porter, whose machine turned over and exploded at Boneval, had been killed. Porter was not killed, but was seriously and probably fatally injured. His chauffeur, a well known cyclist named Nixon, who had but lately taken to motoring, was caught under the blazing machine and cremated. Besides Nixon, two soldiers and a child were killed by the explosion.

M. Stead, who was also reported dead, is alive, but his injuries are such that he cannot recover. His chauffeur was thrown thirty feet and was also fatally injured. Six Dead; Six Injured.

The latest casualty list places the dead at six and the injured at the same number. The latter include Marcel Renault, whose skull was fractured, and Lorraine Barrow, the German contestant. Little hope is entertained of the latter's recovery, as he recently underwent a serious abdominal operation, and should he recover from this he will have to undergo the amputation of a thigh, which will cripple him for life.

Henry Farman, an American rider, escaped injury by what was almost a miracle. His machine was smashed, but he escaped without a scratch. Dust Obscured View.

The explanation of the accidents is found in the dust that was raised and the large number of competitors. The dust was so thick that the chauffeurs, for the greater part of the time, were unable to see the hedges along the road, much less the other competitors. Two hundred and sixteen cars, starting at minute intervals, and all rushing at top speed through a constantly denser atmosphere, made the catastrophe inevitable.

Two Hundred and Sixteen Starters. Of the 300 entries for the race 216 started from Versailles. The weather was beautiful and the stars were shining brightly as the contestants were sent off. Owing to the great number of mishaps only sixty-eight of the starters had reached Bordeaux by 6 o'clock. It is estimated that 300,000 persons witnessed the start.

The first car to reach Bordeaux was driven by Louis Renault. No official times have been issued as yet, but the honors seem to be divided between Gastend and Braum, both with Mercedes cars, and Gabriel, with a Mors car. Precautions in Ireland.

LONDON, May 25.—Automobilists here are greatly excited over the probable effect of the accidents in the Paris-Madrid race yesterday, on the Bennett Cup Race in Ireland, on July 2. They say the catastrophe will hardly cause the postponement of the race, but will lead to additional precautions being taken.

The small number of contestants in the Irish race, and the fact that the roads there are not so dusty as in France, make the case a different one. Another point which is in favor of carrying out of the Bennett plans is that the ninety-three miles of the course will be guarded by 7,000 police.

## SECRETARY CORTELOY INSPECTS NEW OFFICES

Secretary Corteloy, accompanied by Commissioner Garfield, Chief Clerk Hitchcock, and Disbursing Officer Sotear, this morning visited the New Willard building and examined the nearly-completed structure with much interest. Secretary Corteloy expressed himself highly pleased with the arrangement and style of the building. Though the work is pushed on rapidly, the Secretary and his officers will probably not move into their new offices until after the 1st of June.